

chaffs description, and perhaps all the joke; they love it as well at their own expense as at another's; but let him look out for the whole laugh turned upon himself. They are perfect adepts in blackguardism, would stand professors to the denizens of Gile's themselves. In many points they like the genuine man-of-war's man—they can sing while they have enough to be careless of the morrow; spending all they raise upon their friends. Thus, many a fellow who earns from \$40 to \$50 per annum, and yet can scarce boast a shirt to his back; his friends and relatives having cozzed all his wages from him. When the steamships were first started, it was endeavored to keep the workmen clothed, but it was vain labor. A Hawaiian will work in the suit that nature gave him, which being dirt color, is perhaps after all the best adapted for that purpose, and does not wear in washing. As to clothes, they are on special occasions, kept for Sundays or ends. I have known a cast off pair of shoes serve the turn of half a dozen families. A few years since, when calico was a more valuable article than at present, two young fellows who had become the fortunate possessors of a frock each, were displaying their acquisitions with much self-complacency to their envious and less fortunate sisters, when a shower came up. Off went the frocks, which were rolled up and put under the arms, and off started the fair ones in their pristine beauty, on a race for shelter.

By many it is thought that the manufacturing of sugar cannot prove a profitable business. These islands possess many advantages over other countries where it is an important staple—the soil seems peculiarly adapted for that purpose. In the East Indian labor is cheaper, but in the West Indies and Louisiana, it is much higher, as can easily be shown, by comparing the expenses of two plantations. Slave labor is much dearer than free labor; the interest of the money alone which a slave costs is sufficient to hire a workman here, without the additional expense of family, risk of death, etc. In addition to this is an extensive steam engine, with a salaried engineer, attorney, and physician, are all necessary on an extensive slave plantation, but not required for one conducted in the usual manner at these islands. Freedom from taxation is also an important item. The soil has before yielded as well as that of other countries; in many instances better. In no part of the world can workmen be fed and clothed cheaper than here—a thatched dwelling is sufficient for a family costing only five dollars. The expense of ploughing and sowing the cane per acre, is as I was informed by one who has had much experience in this matter, not over five dollars. But business has not as yet been prosecuted to an extent sufficient to warrant any extensive comparison, but so far as one can judge from past results, the chances of its success are great here as in most other sugar countries, and the business is probably as an investment as any others yet tried in agricultural line.

EDITOR.—My attention has frequently been called to a subject, the evils of which threaten to increase to such an extent as to shake every individual in the community. Indeed already does it extend to such an extent, that no person, however humble or retiring, can hope to escape from its grasp; consequently, it involves every one who has any regard for his personal rights, to take the matter into his hand, and make a stand which shall once preserve both an equilibrium of mind and body. I refer to the shaking of hands; a matter of no great shakes itself, though I know of no other practice which agitates this community to an

equal extent, taking into consideration the amount of means employed. Many, particularly strangers, upon first arriving at our good town flinch with horror from the unceasing grasp of friend or acquaintance, and inwardly resolve not to make a mangle of their hands; a determination which melts away as rapidly as the snow before the sun, in the face of the example before them, and they are soon to be seen as furious practitioners as the most experienced. The amount of valuable time thus shaken away is incalculable; without taking into account the waste of physical force, which is of itself a total loss to the community. A saving between the two might be made, sufficient to erect a good club-house, which would prove to our friends a welcome far more to the purpose, than this system of manipulation, a species of thumb torture, which one can endure with some degree of stoicism from his friends, but when made a machine for all to practice their squeezing propensities upon, becomes quite intolerable. I do not mean to condemn in toto, this shaking recognition, but merely refer to its abuses. A hearty shake with one's long absent friend, may be accounted next in pleasure to the more gentle salute from the fairer half of creation. I would even extend this to short periods of absence, provided it results in mutual pleasure. But of all places where I have been, I have seen it in no other carried to such a ridiculous extent as in this. Indeed at sight of each other here, even when afar off, the good people seem to be affected with a nervous itching of the shoulders, a kind of St. Vitus' dance, which soon extends itself through the whole arm, which gesticulates until it has acquired a certain angle, satisfactory to its owner, who then makes a dead rush, looking more as if he intended to knock his friend down, or spear him through, than to bestow upon him additional evidence of his good will. The various kinds of shake, are in themselves a study which would require much time and attention wholly to fathom. We shall notice a few only of the most prominent, commencing with the "pump-handle" shake, a kind of cold water grasp, vigorous in itself, and stimulating to the whole system. This is the heartiest and truest of all, and certainly the most excusable, though in its application it is apt to make one exclaim in agony of spirit, "Save me from my friends."

Then we have the "pendulum" shake, regular but rapid, indicating good-fellowship, and a Jack Easy sort of manner. When the former comes in contact with this, the struggle is intensely interesting, though brief; every nerve is strained to start the other's hand, each unconscious of the cause of the negative influence, and to prove their cordiality straining and tugging away as if for dear life. Cold water usually conquers in this strife. Next may be seen the "insinuating" shake—the hand thrown forward, arm bent, and body inclined to an angle of 65°. One solid squeeze, an expressive smile, three gentle shakes, and the deed is accomplished. This is the most polite of all. The "resignation" or passive shake can be compared only to the appearance of a martyr at the stake, or to a green voyager between the paroxysms of seasickness. This is a dernier resort, after the victim has exhausted all his artifices; has crossed the street twice, turned a corner, fumbled his hands in his pockets, grasped a paper, knife, any thing by which his hands could plead a prior engagement, looked at the heavens till he is almost blinded, or studied the structure of the earth beneath him, until he is more than half suffocated with dust, in short done every thing, to evade the relentless pursuer, who has been coming up all the while, like a ship with a free wind, lower studdingsail booms out; he heaves too at the hail, and with a look of mingled de-

spair and dark wishes for his persecutor, sort of throws his hand at him, as if wishing he might never see it again, which the other grasps as if it were a prize in a lottery, and either squeezes with polite sang froid, or clutches with the grasp of a vice, maliciously inquiring, perhaps for the sixth time that day, after his health, and not waiting to receive his answer, darts off again in pursuit of some equally luckless wight.

This interesting and important subject could be indefinitely extended, but I leave it for the farther action of your readers, with a final appeal to shake off this and all other bad habits, or paradoxically, if they would shake less, they must shake more. "No Shakes."

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